

WE CLAIM:

1        1.     A system for contacting help comprising:  
2        an emergency device carried on the person of a user, said emergency device  
3        having a wireless sending unit activated by an activation unit;  
4        a mobile telephone having a wireless receiving unit adapted to receive  
5        signals from said wireless sending unit, said mobile telephone being adapted  
6        for communicating with a telephone network to call an emergency number;  
7        in which  
8        said emergency device sends a signal to said mobile telephone in response  
9        to the activation of said wireless sending unit; and  
10       said mobile telephone calls said emergency number in response to said  
11       signal.

1        2.     A system according to claim 1, in which:  
2        said signal includes data selected from the group comprising medical  
3        information, location and contact information.

1        3.     A system according to claim 1, in which:  
2        said emergency device includes stored data on the user's prior medical  
3        conditions and any allergies to medication.

1        4.     A system according to claim 2, in which:  
2        said emergency device includes stored data on the user's prior medical  
3        conditions and any allergies to medication.

1        5.     A system according to claim 1, in which:  
2        said mobile telephone includes means for estimating the location of the user.

1        6.     A system according to claim 5, in which:  
2        the means for estimating the location of the user comprises a GPS receiver.

1        7.     A system according to claim 1, in which:  
2        the mobile telephone sends a signal to a telephone network activating a  
3        response from the telephone network.

1        8.     A system according to claim 7, in which:  
2        the response from the telephone network comprises at least receiving said  
3        stored data and transmitting the stored data to the emergency number.

1        9.     A system according to claim 7, in which:  
2        the response from the telephone network includes estimating the location of  
3        the user by analyzing signals from the mobile telephone.

1        10.    A system according to claim 8, in which:  
2        the response from the telephone network includes estimating the location of  
3        the user by analyzing signals from the mobile telephone.

1        11.    An apparatus for contacting help comprising:  
2        an emergency device carried on the person of a user, said emergency device  
3        having a wireless sending unit activated by an activation unit; and  
4        a mobile telephone having a wireless receiving unit adapted to receive  
5        signals from said wireless sending unit, said mobile telephone being adapted  
6        for communicating with a telephone network to call an emergency number;  
7        in which

8        said emergency device sends a signal to said mobile telephone in response  
9        to the activation of said wireless sending unit; and  
10       said mobile telephone calls said emergency number in response to said  
11       signal.

1       12.    A system according to claim 11, in which:  
2       said signal includes data selected from the group comprising medical  
3       information, location and contact information.

1       13.    A system according to claim 11, in which:  
2       said emergency device includes stored data on the user's prior medical  
3       conditions and any allergies to medication.

1       14.    A system according to claim 12, in which:  
2       said emergency device includes stored data on the user's prior medical  
3       conditions and any allergies to medication.

1       15.    A system according to claim 11, in which:  
2       said mobile telephone includes means for estimating the location of the  
3       user.

1       16.    A system according to claim 15, in which:  
2       the means for estimating the location of the user comprises a GPS receiver.

1       17.    An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium  
2       readable by a computing device in a mobile telephone handset, the medium

3        embodying instructions executable by the computing device for performing  
4        method steps comprising:  
5        receiving signals from a wireless sending unit carried on the person of a  
6        user, said mobile telephone being adapted for communicating with a  
7        telephone network to call an emergency number; in which  
8        said emergency device sends a signal to said mobile telephone in response  
9        to the activation of said wireless sending unit; and  
10       said mobile telephone calls said emergency number in response to said  
11       signal.

1       18.    A system according to claim 17, in which:  
2       said signal includes data selected from the group comprising medical  
3       information, location and contact information.

1       19.    A system according to claim 17, in which:  
2       said emergency device includes stored data on the user's prior medical  
3       conditions and any allergies to medication.

1       20.    A system according to claim 18, in which:  
2       said emergency device includes stored data on the user's prior medical  
3       conditions and any allergies to medication.

1        21.    A system according to claim 17, in which:  
2        said mobile telephone includes means for estimating the location of the user.

1        22.    A system according to claim 21, in which:  
2        the means for estimating the location of the user comprises a GPS receiver.